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November 10, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO PROCEED WITH THE SOLE SOURCE
ACQUISITION OF TWO (2) CERTIFIED REMANUFACTURED CATERPILLAR D8R
BULLDOZERS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

25 November 10, 2015


PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting approval to authorize the Director of the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the sole source acquisition of two (2) Certified Remanufactured Caterpillar D8R Bulldozers to be used in firefighting situations. The cost of this acquisition is approximately \$925,000 each bulldozer for an estimated total of \$1.85 million.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

1. Authorize the Director of the ISD, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with a sole source acquisition of two (2) Certified Remanufactured Caterpillar D8R Bulldozers at a cost of approximately \$925,000 each for an estimated total of \$1.85 million.
2. Find that this purchase is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the District to maintain its operational effectiveness, for multiple types of emergencies (e.g., fire, flood, earthquake, etc.), utilizing the

District's heavy equipment fleet.

Approval of the proposed sole source acquisition of two (2) Certified Remanufactured Caterpillar D8R Bulldozers will enable the District to:

- Emulate in every way (training, operation, maintenance, appearance, etc.) the District's current front-line bulldozers.
- Save approximately \$1,000,000 by utilizing the current cab design and purchasing bulldozers as Certified Remanufactured instead of new.
- Allow the safety of personnel to remain at the current standard (enclosed/pressurized cabs, filtered air, updated communications, improved fire curtains, etc.) of the District's latest model bulldozers.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions support the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability, by maximizing the effectiveness of the strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; and Goal #3, Integrated Service Delivery, by maximizing opportunities to improve client and community outcomes and leveraging resources by providing multi-tasked emergency apparatus to support emergency public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The District's Fiscal Year 2015-16 Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding for this purchase.

There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance capital equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater, prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

Approval for sole source acquisition is required due to the uniqueness of this type of equipment. Caterpillar Inc. is the sole source manufacturer of the D8R 7XM Series bulldozer. This bulldozer is the only model that can be outfitted with the required dual occupancy firefighting cab and is only manufactured and provided by Caterpillar's Los Angeles area dealer Quinn Company, the only distributor for Los Angeles County. Quinn Company is extending all available government discounts to the District.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. Upon Board approval, the purchase will be requisitioned through and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

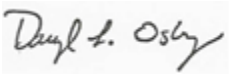
Approval of the recommended actions will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, the environment and property, in a safer, more efficient, and cost-effective manner.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Honorable Board, please electronically submit a Statement of Proceedings to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office – Emergency Operations
Acting Chief Deputy David R. Richardson Jr.
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Respectfully submitted,



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